



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 27, 2006

S. 2125 **Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Security, and Democracy** **Promotion Act of 2005**

As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on May 23, 2006

S. 2125 would authorize the appropriation of \$52 million for fiscal year 2006 to provide assistance to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The bill also would direct the Department of State to request increased funding for the Democratic Republic of the Congo in its annual budget requests through fiscal year 2009. The bill would require the President to develop a strategy to implement various policies outlined in the bill with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Finally, the bill would authorize the appointment of a Special Envoy to help resolve instability in the Eastern Congo.

For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2125 will be enacted before the end of the fiscal year, and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated. Based on historical spending patterns and the assumed date of enactment, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no cost in 2006 and would cost about \$50 million over the 2007-2011 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 2125 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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